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### Item 3(a)

The proposed amendments to independent claims 21 and 25, which call for the newly added feature of "a porous material with inter-connected hollow spaces suitable in size for flame development", raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. It is noted that this feature was not presented in any dependent claim under claim 21 or 25.

### Item 11.

The proposed amendment does not place claim 21 in condition for allowance, because the claim does not include all of the allowable features present in claim 1 (and incorporated claim 10). In particular, it is noted that claim 21 fails to additionally recite a premix chamber and separate supply lines for the fuel and oxidation agent in tangential communication with the premix chamber.

The proposed amendment does not place claim 25 in condition for allowance, because the claim does not include all of the allowable features present in claim 1 (and incorporated claim 10). In particular, it is noted that claim 25 fails to additionally recite plural supply lines for tangentially supplying the fuel and oxidation agent.

In addition, the newly incorporated feature raises an issue under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, because it is unclear as to how "a porous material" relates to "a material" previously set forth in claims 3, 21 and 25. Similarly, see claim 11.

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